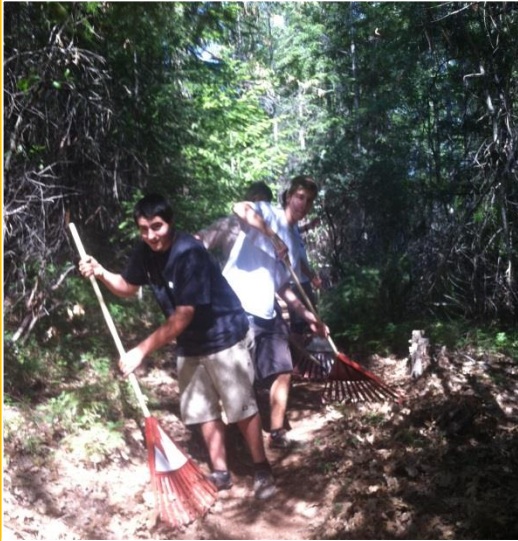


A group of approximately ten young people, likely teenagers or young adults, are arranged in a circle, looking directly up at the camera. They are all wearing helmets, suggesting they are involved in a sport like cycling or skateboarding. Some are wearing jerseys with logos, such as 'SANTO' and 'Seabird'. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The text 'BUILDING NEW CONNECTIONS AND CREATING COMMUNITY TRAIL PROJECTS FOR YOUTH' is overlaid in the center in a bold, orange, 3D-style font with a blue outline and a reflection effect.

BUILDING NEW CONNECTIONS AND CREATING COMMUNITY TRAIL PROJECTS FOR YOUTH

Trail Projects for Youths



Know Your Community Trail Managers

- Local Land Trust Trail Mgr.
- Local City Recreational Park Mgr.
- California State Park Mgr.
- BLM – Bureau of Land Mgr.
- FS – local National Forest, District Trail Mgr.
- Local City Recreational Park Mgr.
 - Stakeholder — Partner
 - Collaboration — Letters of Support

Establish a Relationship

- Introduction
- Identify benefits to land managers...
 - trail maintenance/construction, user education
- Be ready to start discussion on 1 - 2 trails as a potential trail project for youths
- Mention collaborating partners, volunteers
- Past trail projects with youths
- Ask for their requirements/criteria
- Schedule next meeting to follow-up on the planning process

Volunteers from Agency's Perspective

- Volunteers are a time commitment for land managers (public, private, land trusts)
- Clear Understanding of Roles
- Different Volunteer Levels & Commitments:
 - Individual
 - Organizations
- Benefits / Costs
- Liability
- Best Work Experiences



Trail Project Mission

- **Trail Education**
 - Types of User Groups
 - Protect the Environment
 - Erosion
 - Features
 - Safety
 - History
- **General Trail Maintenance**
- *** FUN * ! @ *! & * FUN * ! @ *! & * FUN ***

(Show Crooked Lakes Trail Video)

Trail Project Organizing

- Funding (Grants, In-Kind Services, Donation)
- Is environmental document completed:
 - CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act (State)
 - NEPA: National Environmental Policy Act (Federal)
- Delegate tasks:
 - Who will obtain COI-Certificate of Insurance
 - Tools, Food, Crews, Pre-Work, Safety Talk, Plan of Operation (medical/evac, parking, etc.)

Connectivity – Benefits of Sharing Skills

- Invite groups to collaborate in the project
- Identify commonalities between user groups
- Share goals, knowledge base, skills, strengths
 - Grant writing, publishing, social media, successful projects, etc.
- Share bad experiences as a learning opportunity
- Plan an annual multi-group project day

(Show UTD Day Video)

Operation Plan

- Who is in charge?
- Who can delegate? (*Avoid burn-out*)
- Schedule dates, contact lists, etc.
- Safety a Must....Safety Plan
- Crews for working specific trail sections
reduces incident risks
- Lunch Break, Hydrate
- Trail Project Map
- Communication (cell phones, radios)
- Courtesy to local ER, Fire Dept/Paramedics of loc.

Post Trail Project Day

- Post pics on Facebook, Instagram, etc.
- Acknowledge volunteers, clubs, sponsors, land manager/owner
- Create trail project day, video under 3 minutes
- Post video at websites, Facebook, Instagram, etc.
- Send photos and article to your local paper, forum, etc.
- Send group photo to local paper, thanking volunteers and sponsors

(Show United Trails Day Video)

Connectivity – Benefits of Sharing Skills

- Local Chambers, Paper, Radio
- Magazines
- Facebook (Share)
- On-line Calendars
- Live MC at another event
- Member of a club, distribute to club members
- Presentations to Rotary, Kiwanis, etc.
- Facility Use Permits (Specifics)
- Event - Proof of Insurance-Certificate of Insurance
- Add'l Insured for participating organizations/land managers

Booth

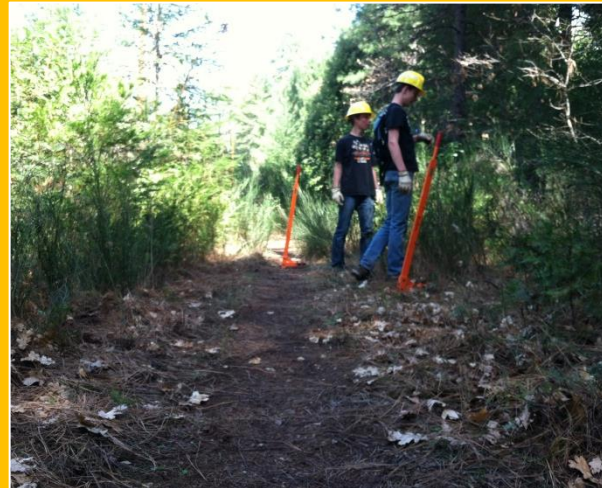
- Who is your audience? Youths, seniors, etc.
- Power Source (Generator, deep marine battery w/inverter, power strip)
- Tables & Tablecloth
- Banners
- Product Sales
- Informational handouts (Brochure, Postcards, Flyer)
- Lure Video/Music, Packaged Treats, Stickers, etc.

Benefits

- Life skills
- Habits for a healthy lifestyle
- Improved self-esteem
- Sense of empowerment
- Skills in leadership
- Teamwork
- Social networking
- Trail Sustainability
- Safety
- Connectivity btw. Towns, etc.
- Positive reinforcement
- Making a difference for the community
- Feeling of accomplishment
- Planting the seed with the next generation
- Maturity

(NUHS MTB Team Video)

Building New Connections and Creating Community Trail Projects for Youths



HAPPY TRAILS!

